Consultancy service for NRIs

*48. SHRI V. NARAYANASWAMY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are giving consultancy service for the State units to be set up with the aid and cooperation of the non resident Indians

(b) whether the said consultancy service is being monitored by the Central Government or by the respective State Governments; and

(c) whether the consultancy service is manned by the officials working in different sectors or by the retired officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K.K. TEWARI) : (a) to (c) It is presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to the proposed consultancy joint venture company to be set up by a few selected public enterprises in collaboration with some qualified non-resident Indians. The proposal for setting up the joint venture company with the non-resident Indians was accepted after a detailed study of its pros and cons by an expert group comprising senior Government officials who went into the details of the actual requirement of Consultancy services by Central Public Enterprises. Since the proposed joinj venture company has not yet been formed, the question of monitoring the consultancy service or manning of jobs therein does not arise at this stage.

Indian Telephone Industry

*49. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHWAHA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to phase out two factories of the Indian Telephone Industry in the next few years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the work force that is likely to become surplus as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps are contempleted by Government to deploy the surplus work force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes Sir, because of technological obsolescence it is proposed to discontinue production of strowger and crossbar systems at Bangalore and Rae Bareli factories in a phased manner.

(b) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(c) It is proposed to redeploy the work force that may be rendered surplus in new product lines.

Statement

The provisional programme of phasing out of obsolescent switching equipment production by Indian Telephone Industries

Production Line	Work force employed	Likely date of phasing out	
		Commencement	Completion
A. *BANGALORE*			
1. Crossbar	2773	1987-88	1990
2. Strowger	4450	1989-90	1991*
B. *RAE BARELI*			
1. Strowger	4222	1989-90	1991
2. Crossbar (ICP)	2024	1994-95	1996*

*NOTE: Some production may continue for supply of spares etc.